

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph, beginning on line 1 and ending on line 2 of page 1 of the Specification as published, as follows:

~~The present invention relates to a pneumatic plate element as recited in the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please amend the paragraph, beginning on line 3 and ending on line 6 of page 2 of the Specification as published, as follows.

~~The solution to the object is reflected in the characterizing part of claim 1 with respect to the main features thereof, and in the subsequent claims with respect to additional advantageous embodiments.~~

Please amend the paragraph, beginning on line 20 and ending on line 30 of page 6 of the Specification as published, as follows:

FIGS. 3-5 show a number of different variants in the way tensile elements 4 may be tightened between compression/tension elements 2. Hollow body 3 is not now shown in these figures. FIG. 3 shows various inclinations of tensile elements 4, and several tensile elements 4 that are attached to compression elements 7 essentially at the same point via a connection 6. An arrangement of prestressed tensile elements 4 is shown in FIG. 4 with a vertical plane of symmetry, and in FIG. 5 with a vertical and a horizontal plane of symmetry. The planes of symmetry are indicated by dash-dotted lines.